
THE GRAND
Apocalypitical Vision
OF THE
Witnesses Slain,

Dated to its Periods of Propheſie
and History :

The Witnesses Enter into Sackcloth, and the } A. D. 437.
1260 Days Begin
Their Testimony is ſumm'd up, and finiſh'd, } A. D. 606.
and the Beaſt Riſes
The Beaſt makes War with them A. D. 725.
They are Overcome, and Kill'd, and the three } A. D. 787.
Days and Half Begin
The Dead Bodies are from thence Expoſ'd along } A. D. 1517.
the Duration of the three Days and Half, until
From that Time, They Begin to Riſe, ſtand on } A. D. 1527.
their Feet, and are call'd *Proteſtants*, and the
Three Days and Half End
They perfectly Riſe, and Aſcend, and the 1260 } A. D. 1697.
Days End

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THE
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TO THE
R E A D E R.

WHAT God hath been pleas'd to supply to my Thoughts, as upon the Review; I think fit to present the Reader as in prospect, and as a Key to the clearer understanding this Vision; and then, if He pleases to Re-enforce the whole, after Reading it, He may, as I have done, reflect upon it by this, as in Review also.

And first, That, That Rebuke of the Disciples, desiring to know, when Christ would restore the Kingdom to Israel *Acts* 1. 6, 7. may not discourage our Search concerning the Times, and Seasons, Nor that High Assertion; Of that Day, and Hour knows no Man, &c. *Marc.* 13. 32. We ought to distinguish betwixt Christ observing the Fathers, and his own Time not then Come, and so not answering a Question out of Time; and the proper Time appointed by the Father; viz. When Christ was Ascended, and God gave to him the Revelation to shew to his Servants Things, that, quickly, or immediately from that Time began to come to pass. For then He declares, Blessed is He that Readeth, and They that Hear, &c. So we ought to distinguish betwixt the Time, when the Father had not declar'd to the Son that Day and Hour; and the Time, when He had defin'd by his Apostle Paul, That that Day could not come till the Man of Sin should, as an Epiphane be Reveal'd, and then Effac'd by the Brightness of Christs Appearance; which Time of the Man of Sin is circumscrib'd as to an Hour by his Forty two Months in the Apocalyps; And at the end of them, The Kingdom and Coming of Christ is in speedy motion to abolish Him

Him. Thus therefore the Day of Christ may be known, because so made known by the Father Himself.

2. *That we may better understand the meaning of the Witnesses Prophetic distinct from their Testimony, and Death, we ought to know,*

*That the Kingdom of Christ in the Restitution of All Things is the Mystery, with which God beginning in Paradise in that Great Promise; [The Seed of the Woman, &c.] Evangeliz'd all the Holy Prophets, since the World Began. That Grand Schiloh or most Happy, and prosperous Prince Coming was foretold by Jacob; and that (not a Scepter, but) a * Tribe not departing from Judah, as we see fulfill'd in the Jews as a Tribe of Judah before the Eyes of all Nations to this Day, should be a Pledg, He would come; and the Sign of Him not yet Come, as He shall Come, when the Gathering of the People shall be to Him. Of Him Samuel in the Anointing David spoke, and All the Prophets after: So His Kingdom is the very mark, and White of all Prophecie; and is therefore justly by a Figure call'd Vision and Prophecie it self; Dan. 9. 24.*

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Acts 3. 24.

When therefore at Christs Death and Resurrection, Prophecie, and Vision should have ceas'd to have been prophecie only, and become Event and Fact; He seal'd Vision and Prophecie, that It should continue prophecie still, suffering, but not Enttring into Glory, except into the, to us, Retired Glory of sitting at his Fathers Right Hand, and Expecting there, till his Enemies be made his Foot-stool; as at his Kingdom and Appearance They shall be, but not before.

Accordingly Daniels Twelfth Chapter declares the State of Christs Kingdom (Represented v. 1. 2. 3.) from that very Vision of the Weeks He had Receiv'd, chap. 9. and the Death of Messiah at the end of them: in a Threefold sealing of prophecie; that It should be prophecie still, and his Kingdom not appear. viz. The Sealing at his Resurrection, till the Time of the End. v. 4. The sealing of the swearing Time, Times, Half a Time for the scattering the power of the holy people, v. 7. and a Third sealing, which we shall find to be at the Morning of the half Time; and when All sealing is ended, and the Blessed State follows. The Time from the second sealing or swearing the Times and Half Time to the Kingdom is given in expresse Numbers, viz. From the Taking away the daily, pure, Gospel, publick Service, at even Dates with the scattering the power of the holy people, there are to be 1335 days, of which the last 75 are the Time of Christs Kingdom from the proclamation until the Inthronization; and so the 1260 days

days contain the Time, Times, and Half Time for the Taking away the daily, &c. and scattering the holy people within the six first Trumpets, as appears by their ending at the sixth. Rev. 11. 14.

The Revelation follows, as a New Testament, clearer Prophecie, first in opening the Sealing, and then unsealing, or by degrees bringing into Effect, as naturally as Marc. 1. on Malachi left; so the Lamb newly slain, c. 5. Received the Book, viz. of the Kingdom, seal'd with seven Seals from the Hand of Him that sat on the Throne, who had Times in his own power. So the Kingdom not Appearing, Prophecie was seal'd, and to be Prophecie, till the Seals were orderly open'd by Christ. At the sixth and seventh Seals, The Kingdom of our God appear'd in the Dragon being cast out of Heaven; or the Devils Kingdom in Paganism fully condemn'd there; overcome fundamentally in the Death of Christ, or Blood of the Lamb, ministerially by the word of his Testimony in the four first Seals open'd, and Voices of the Gospel Ministers, Come, and see; and by the Martyrdoms of the fifth Seal, or the Souls under the Altar, who loved not their Lives unto Death. Of this the Christian Empire from Constantine was given on Earth, as an Emblem or Counterpoint of what was done in Heaven, till the death of Theodose the Great.

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But the Devil being to have a Kingdom still on Earth, and to Administer it with Great Rage; There is a second sealing of Prophecie; or continuing of Prophecie to be Prophecie still, and the Kingdom not appearing; viz. during the 1260 days of the six first Trumpets, whose passing off is also unsealing and bringing the Kingdom into Event. And This was in the Vision in Hand, The Sealing the 144000, as Witnesses in Sackcloth, viz. The Servants of Christ not in Glory, but in a mournful State; And that very State, so long as It lasts, is it self Prophecie, a certain demonstration the Kingdom of Christ is delay'd in its Appearance; For when He Appears, Those His Servants, and all his Servants shall Appear in Glory with Him, as the Vision of the innumerable Palm bearing Company Assures us.

Rev. 7. 9.

Here then is the true Account of the 1260 days Prophecie, The very Being, and state of the Witnesses is a Prophecie; and shews the Kingdom of Christ in Prophecie, and not yet come; and so the Witnesses having finish'd their Testimony, and being slain and seen dead, yet speak, and Prophecie; which assails the doubt of their Prophecie while dead.

At the morning of the Half Time in proportion to our Lords Rising on the Morning of the Third day; Prophecie made as it were a Prefatory Passing into Fact, and Event in the Reformation, where-

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in Christ appear'd with the Rainbow on his Head, the Emblem of his Kingdom and as the Lyon of the Tribe of Judah roared; and Prophecy, as seven Thunders uttered its voice, and the Book of the Kingdom was open in Christ's hand as if all was then to be Finish'd, but because one Hundred Eighty days of Prophetic remain'd, Prophecie was this last Time seal'd in the Thunders utterances seal'd, the Book close in the Prophets Bowels; and Prophecie would be but Prophecie, till the end of those days; In sign of which, John was, as in the person of the Witnesses commended to Prophecie again, but with this Consolation; as Christ swore the Time, Times, Half Time of sealing Prophecie first; So he Swore now, There should be no more Sealing, no more Time but the 75 years of Finishing, after the 1260 days were ended, at the seventh Trumpets Entrance to sound. Rev. 10. ult.

Now for the order and Connexion of all these Things, It lies not in order of Chapters, but in these Four Tubes, or Pipes of the Apocalypticall Prophecie, and Times, viz. The Seals, c. 6. c. 7. the Trumpets, viz. The six First, c. 8. c. 9. c. 10. c. 11. and then the Last Trumpet c. 11. 15. with its seven voices, or the sealed utterances of the Thunders unsealed into loud Voices and Effects, c. 14. and its Vials, c. 15. c. 16. Now Each of these Tubes, and Each Joynt of each Tube, viz. Each Seal, Each Trumpet, Each Voice, and Each Vial are so organiz'd, as to be connected one to another at the end of Each preceeding either Tube, or Joynt of Each Tube; and make the continuance or Prolongation of Apocalyptic Time to its full Reach or Extent, viz. From the first Seal to the last Vial of the seventh Trumpet, making from the End of the last of the seventy weeks, 775 years at length to the Kingdom of Christ, and beyond them lye the Thousand years of that Kingdom of Christ viz. of the Thousand years in the New Jerusalem.

Now as to what remains, Our great Concernment is to know the signs of the present Time upon us, and so our duty in Relation to them: And certainly now, if at any Time it may be said unto us, ye Hypocrites, ye can discern the Face of the Sky, how is it, ye cannot discern the Face of the Time? Now we ought to have understanding in the Times, that we may know, what Israel ought to do.

For now we are nigh the last seven Times, or years of the Twelve Hundred sixty; And though I know and am demonstratively assur'd, the Implicit Services of the true Church, Witnesses, and Servants of Christ have all along in Relation to this Prophecie been accepted; Because this Prophecie hath not been Explicitly understood; yet the clearer our Apprehensions are of this Prophecie near to be Fulfill'd,

the more Spirituous, and Noble, and so of sweeter Savor to God, and Christ, would be our services, and it will now be every day a greater blame upon us not to understand it plainly and openly.

Now our Duty, Expectation and Prayers are to be proportion'd to the several stations, Christians are in, viz. 1. That the present Princes, Powers, and Forces of the Christian world may, as they ought, and shall, Bruise the Head of that Serpentine Antichristian Dan. thht hath so long lain as an Adder in the way, biting the Horse heels of Power, and making the Riders fall backward into the same Apostalic; else how can all the Witneses of Christ, as they must, come out of Sackcloth? Herein we wait for the Salvation of the Lord in the midst of all Convulsions, Counter-motions and Concussions of states and Nations that may be.

2. That there may, as there shall certainly be a Subfuling and Sinking down of all Mountainous Church power, into the Philadelphian Plain, and especially All Remains of that Synagogue of Sathan, that casts out of the Christian Synagogue for Forms, (to which may be too much applyed, Gen. 49. 5. 6. 7.) shall be cut off; and They of it shall worship the Ascending witnesses; For that whole State of things since the Reformation shall be look'd back upon with Repentance, and self Condemnation, as no way Comporting with the Kingdom of Christ, but as One Demeritorious Cause of Sealing the Thunders, or Staying the powers of the Gospel, from bringing forth the Kingdom of Christ. The whole Robe or Garments of that State shall be laid aside, as Defiled.

3. We ought All in our private persons to be in Sackcloth, as in the undefiled Garments, watching and keeping them, because we wait for the Bridegroom, and mourn till He comes; Lest he come at an Hour we know not; Especially and particularly because our own Sins, and Slumbrings have so long deser'd his delay; as also, that that Incestuous Antichristian Reuben, that calls himself the First born, may be wholly cast out of the Christian name; For He hath long gone up to the Royal Bed of Christ, and defiled it, He hath defiled his Couch.

Now that the days may not be prolong'd, nor occasion to Any be Given to say, Every Vision faileth; but that what I have written, may Take hold; I desire with Humiliation, Fasting and Sackcloth to appeal by Prayer, and Supplication to that Divine Spirit, who hath said, Jerem. 28. 9. When the Word of the Prophet shall come to pass, then shall the Prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly sent Him. And that this Offering to Christ, and his Churches, and this Nation may be Accepted, being Sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

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THE
WITNESSES SLAIN:
OR,

A Brief Explanation of that principal Apocalyptical Vision ; The Vision of the Two Witnesses ; Of their Sackcloth Propheſie for 1260 Days, and when Thoſe Days Began ; Of their Teſtimony Finish'd ; when ; and of their being Kill'd upon their Finiſhing that Teſtimony ; Of their Dead Bodies Lying Three Days and a Half Unburied and ſeen ; Of their Riſing in ſome part, at the Morning of the Half Day, or at the Reformation ; but much more Fully, and Gloriously at the End of the Half Day, or 1697. when their Aſcenſion, and its Great Effects ſhall Follow, and the Turkiſh Woe ſhall paſs off ; wherein there is an Humble, and modeſt Diſſent Entred to the Incomparable M. S. Jurieu in his Accompliſhment of Propheſie, and the Learned, and Reverend Dr. Creſſener in his late Treatiſe of the Judgments of God on the Roman Catholick Church. as to this viſion ; and that only by Eſtabliſhing a different Scheme.

THE *Vision of the Witnesses* may with Great Right be called *The Apocalyptical Compass, or Sea Chart* to guide us concerning *Prophetical Times*, and our Notions upon them ; and even in Relation to our own Times ; who are very near that point of Time, concerning which *Chriſt hath ſworn There ſhall be Time no more, but for the Finiſhing the Myſtery of God* under the Beginning of that *Quick Trumpet the Seventh Trumpet*. That we may therefore Rightly Apprehend this *Vision of the Witnesses*, I ſhall Endeavour to give the plain-eſt Scheme, I can, of it, and with all Brevity, that in one view we may have it under our Eye.

In order hereunto I lay theſe Two Foundations :

1. That Scheme of this *Vision*, that does moſt Enter-weave and Concentre it with other Correſpondent *Prophetical Viſions* in *Daniel* and this Book of the *Revelation* is

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likely to be the Truest. I shall therefore in every part Endeavour to parallel this Vision with those other Correspondent Visions by Joyning each Answering Tach of Connexion one with the other, in this, and those other Visions.

2. That Scheme of this Vision is Best, that Gives it the Greatest Comprehensive-ness of the Christian Church in all its parts; For whatever Scheme of it narrows, and confines it to some parts only, diminishes its Greatness, and thereby Brings it self under a Jealousie, That It is not a True Scheme of so Grand a Vision.

The whole Vision therefore is closely united with Those Two Witnesses-Churches, Pergamus and Thyatira, which Two, as They are expressly call'd Candlesticks together with the other Seven Churches, Revel. c. 1. So the Two Witnesses are in Relation to those Two Churches call'd the Two Candlesticks, that stand before the God of the whole Earth.

Now That which Evidences these Two Churches to be Witnesses-Churches is; That in Pergamus, we find the Doctrine of Balam, and in Thyatira the Prophetess Jezebel, (then which There cannot be found Two fitter Symbols of the Popish Apostasie in Scripture;) and the First of these, Pergamus, is said to Have Them, that Held, and could not Help it self; and the other Thyatira is said to suffer and could not Help it; and therefore the Things, that had been otherwise exceeding Great, and Foul, if either had consented, are charg'd by Christ, as only small Things against them. While therefore, There are any Hidden Saints in the Christian World, that Appear as of that Apostate Roman Church, because They are no sooner discovered, but They are clapp'd under the Inquisition; or any Churches of the Reformed, that would Thrust out that Roman Apostasie from having the Appearance of a Church in the World, and Cannot; because They are under Popish Princes and Laws; So long The Witnesses are not Risen.

Now that the seven Churches are a Prophecie of the Apostasie is enough Argued by the first working of the Mystery of Iniquity, or Ephesus falling from its first Love, then growing up to a Synagogue of Satban in Smyrna, Ascending to a Throne of Satban in Pergamus, becoming an Ancient Kingdom with its Depths of Satbanic Policies in Thyatira; and then Retrench'd in the Partial Reformation of Sardis, and the Full Ejection of it in the Philadelphian State. Now Those Two Churches which were under the Potency of this Apostasie in Balam, and Jezebel, against the First of which Moses and Aaron, and Elijah and Elishah against the Latter, were the Ancient Witnesses in Prophetical Symbolism, They are the Two Witness Churches.

Of the same Importance with the Witnesses in Sackcloth are the 144000 sealed, (of which the secret 7000 in the Time of Elijah were the Types) These are sealed, and so secured from the Contagion of the Apostasie, and from the Plagues upon it; and however, They might Fall under the outward stroke, yet They were by the sealing Antidored against the Envenom'd Sting: and the Glory of Christs Kingdom is by their sealing, who shall be so Great a part of it, Declar'd Reserv'd, and Laid up for Future Time of the New Jerusalem, so that none of those Blasts of the Trumpets could Reach it, because Seal'd.

Together with the witnesses in Sackcloth, and the Sealed are the worshipers in the measured Temple; And the Prophecie of the witnesses in Sack-cloth is as long, and as broad as the Wilderness-state of the Woman, the Church; and the Twelve Hundred sixty Days of the one and the other, are the same. For the Woman the Church is the Witnesses her seed in an Union, or Collection; and the witnesses, the seed are the Woman the Church in a distinction, distribution, or Even a dispersion, war'd with, scatter'd, slayn in the whole duration, or 1260 Days.

This vision of the Witnesses at full dimensions, or in its whole duration of 1260 days is to be dispos'd into Three Intervals, or Remarkable spaces.

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1. The Time of the Testimony, until it was Finished.
2. The Time of the Killing the witnesses, and their dead Bodies lying expos'd, and unburied for the Three days and a Half.
3. The change of Things at the very Morning of the Half day strongly Implied in the Three days, and a Half, and more fully express'd by compare with Correspondent visions.

And in each of these, It is most necessary to find the Epoch, or Beginning, and in each of them also the Period, and the end: For thus, besides, that the state of the whole *vision* will be most clearly understood; Besides this, I say, The Beginning and the End of the whole 1260 days will be also most clearly understood, Both which to understand is most Absolutely necessary to the knowledge of *Prophetical Times* now upon us; For by the knowledge of the Beginning, we shall come to know the End, and by knowing the end, we know what exceedingly concerns us to know, both because it is so Great, and because it is so Near.

The *Testimony* is to be distinguished from the *Prophecy*, For that lasted the whole 1260 days in *Sackcloth*, but the *Testimony* is Finished before the 1260 days end; And it is to be distinguished from the Time of being Kill'd, and Lying dead; For the Killing, and Lying dead was not, till the *Testimony* was Finished.

The Time of the *Testimony* therefore was from the Beginning of the *Apostasie*, before the *Beast* the prince of the War, wherein the *Witnesses* are overcome and Kill'd, was either enter'd at all into his *Forty Two Months*, or before He was Risen to his *Manly state*, call'd 666. viz. to such a puissiance as to make that War, or to overcome and Kill, being till then in an Infant condition.

The Time of the *Testimony* then, is Evidently the First part of the *Sackcloth Prophecy*, and must begin with the very first of the 1260 days, and must end, when the *Beast* Risen out of the *Bottomless pit* had made his War, and in that War had overcome and kill'd.

The *Testimony* must begin with the 1260 days; For that the *Prophecy* so Began *Rev. 11.* is plain Letter of Scripture; And it must so end, for the *Testimony* was Finished, v. 2. 3. 7. when the *Beast* made War, overcame, and kill'd, as the Letter of Scripture is also most express.

For the finding then the Time of the Beginning and ending of the *Testimony*, we must compare all parallel *visions* and *Times*, for without respect to every Thing, or at least to Principal Things, we cannot Rightly pronounce; So that so much of a *Prophetical Scheme* is necessary to every just *prophetical Judgment*.

To find therefore the Beginning of this *Testimony* in *Sackcloth*, There are some more General, and some more particular, and precise Notes.

Note 1. The first more general note is, The Church of *Smyrna* ended in the succeeding Church of *Pergamus*; the *Synagogue* of *Sathan* in *Smyrna*, Rising to a Throne of *Sathan* in that first witness Church, as hath been shown; Now the Character of Time to the Church of *Smyrna*, was the Dreadful Persecutions under the last *Heathen Emperors*, when the Souls Faithful unto Death, lay under the Altar, And then that Church receiv'd the Crown of Life in the Christian Empire from *Constantine* to *Theodosius* the Great his Death; near to which Time, the witnesses of *Pergamus* entred into that part of their *Sackcloth Prophecy*, styl'd their *Testimony*.

Note 2. The second General note is the Time, when the sealing of the sealed entred into its Force, and Efficacy; For that being of the same Importance with the Covering of *Sackcloth*, when the one Began, the other must begin also: Now the *Seals* being against the blast of the *Trumpets*, whenever the *Trumpets* began

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began so to blow, that the Barbarous Nations made their Inrodes on the Western Empire, then the Sealing entred into its Efficacy, and then the witnesses began their Sackcloth Prophecy, for then the Apostasie against which the Trumpets were directed, and from which Taint and Stroke, the true Christians were Seal'd and preserv'd, was entred.

Rev. II. 1. Note 3. When the Gentiles and their Impure worship in their Demnolatory or worship of dead Heroes or the Worship of dead Saints invaded the Holy City, and outward Court of the Christian Profession; Then the Daily Sacrifice of pure publick Worship, which ought to be in the outward Court, was Taken away, Then the Holy Worshippers Retired into the secret Temple, Then the Witnesses immediately Began their Sackcloth, and from that very Time the Twelve hundred sixty First of the Twelve hundred ninety Days Began according to Dan. 12. 11. From the Time the Daily, &c.

Note 4. Whenever the Woman went into the Wilderness, the Sackcloth-witnesses must Begin; For the Woman, and her Seed differing only in the Notion of Collection and Distribution, Their 1260 Days must be the same, and therefore Begin and End together; And while one is in the Wilderness the other must be in Sackcloth, when she is in the Wilderness, the Daily Sacrifice must be Taken away from the Temple, for how can the Service be without the Church? Now when she Brought forth that Type of the Great Prince, Messiah, viz. the Christian Emperour; Immediately Notice is Given of her Flight, to shew the Apostasie was near that Time of the Christian Empire Brought forth, and when the Dragon was utterly Cast down by the solemn Prayer of Theodosius the Christian Emperour, of his Christian Army, and Subjects Typ'd by the Incense of the seventh Seal, even in the midst of that Battel, which was the last dispute betwixt him and Eugenius, whether Christianity or Heathenism should be Superior, The Angels prepar'd to sound, and the Persecution of the Christian Church and Christian Empire by the Barbarians was very near; but the Apostasie Entering at the same Time, The Apostate Church and Empire was only Hitt, for the True Church was in the Wilderness, Hid from the stroke, and by degrees from the very Eye of the Serpent.

Now All These Four Notes were not long after the Death of Theodosius 395. and in the former part of the Fifth Century; So that we know in general The days of putting on the Sackcloth must be between the Year 400. and the Cessation of the Christian Empire in Angustus 475. and therefore might be in that year assigned, viz. 437. without any Contrariety to the Prophecie, and must be near that Time however.

But the more precise, and particular Notes of the Beginning of the 1260 Days are;

1. That which is so Apparent to All, who Acknowledge the Roman Apostasie to be the Apostasie, the Witnesses Testifie in Sackcloth against, and that the Vapacy is the Beast, that makes War against, overcomes, and Kills them, It cannot be Refus'd; The Reformation that began by the Ministry of Luther 1517. must be the Half Time Beginning, or Morning of the Half Day, or the beginning of the Half part of the 1260 Days, viz. The Last 180. From that 1517. Carry back then the Three equal parts or a 1080 years of the 1260 years, and you fall perpendicularly upon the year 437. as the Epoch or beginning of the Witnesses entering into Sackcloth; Now the Reformation begun by Luther continues to this Day, and so must be a Remarkable Note of Time.

2. I have in other Discourses made out, that the 1335 Days in Daniel Running to the Blessed End, in which every Saint of God with Daniel shall Stand in the Lor of the New Jerusalem are so Great a part of Daniels 2300 Even. Morn. to the Great Sab-

Sabbatism, that there can be Allowed, but 400 years from the End of the 70 *Weeks, * *Ending* for those 1335 years to take their due place in, but that the First of them must *after Melli-* begin at 437. where those 400 years must end, or some of the 1335. (which is ut- *ahs death* terly impossible) be shut out: Now on the First of those 1335. *The Witnesses* *three years* *and a half.* put on their Sackcloth, because the 1260 are the first of the 1335. viz. at 437.

3. I have also made out, that the Succession of the *Beast* the *Eighth King*, but *seventh Head* must needs be just at 475, when the *Christian Empire*, Ceas'd; and that the *Gentiles Months* must needs have been Thirty Eight years before, as an *Intercalation* to the shortness of the *Beasts Months*, compar'd with the *Witnesses* 1260 *Days*, as also to prepare the *Kingdom of the Beast*; Taking then Thirty eight years of the *Gentiles Months*, before the *Beasts Months* begin at the End of 475. and these *Gentiles Months* must begin 437. Now whenever the *Gentiles Months* begin, the *Witnesses* 1260 *Days* must begin also, so both must therefore begin precisely at 437. because the *Gentiles Months* were begun just 38 before 475. Rev. 17. c. 11. 1. 2.

And thus I have Endeavoured to present a just proof of the *Epoch* or Beginning of the *Witnesses* 1260 *Days* at the year 437; which consequentially must end at, and cannot End before, 1697.

I come in the second place to shew by the same compare of Times, and Correspondent Visions, the Time of the *Testimony* and of the *Finishing* of the *Testimony*; v. 7. The *Testimony* it self is that Denunciation of Divine Judgments, as on *spiritual Egypt*, *Balam*, *Jezebel*, *Babylon*, in former Types and according to the Action of those several *Witnesses* of God, that had been of old; As *Bringing down Fire from Heaven*, and *Shutting Heaven*, as *Elijah*, and *Elisabab*, and *turning Waters into Blood*, as *Moses* and *Aaron*; and in general to *smite the Earth with Plagues*, as often, as *They will*, signifying, They ought to will it continually, and so to do it; All the several Plagues then of the *Four First Trumpets* Fell into their *Testimony*, to which there is also some Reference in these Remarks before given; as in *Fire*, *Waters turned into Blood*, the *shutting Heaven*, bringing the Drought, and Smoke, whence the *Locusts* came.

But now the *Finishing* of their *Testimony* is determin'd by the *Beasts Rising out of the Bottomless Pit*; so far it Reaches; From that Time All is in preparation to their *Death*, For the *Beasts Ascending*, His *making War*, his *Overcoming*, and *Killing*, and their *Bodies Lying Dead*, *Expos'd*, and yet not *Buried*, are all in a Connexion, and Continuation from one part to another, and cannot be Sundered.

Now by the Compare of this *Vision* with another parallel *Vision*, we shall be instructed both of the *Witnesses Testimony Finish'd*, and of the *Beasts Rising* so near one to another, as we find them here plac'd in their mutual Respects.

As soon as ever the *Roman Empire* became *Antichristianiz'd*; the *Witnesses* began their *Testimony* confirm'd by the Judgments of the *Four First Trumpets*, which vacated that *Empire* for the *Beastian Succession*: It is true the order of the *Christian Emperours* lasted till *Augustulus his Abdication*, as *Jehoiakim*, *Jeconiah*, and *Zedekiah* were of the Order of *Dauids House* and Kingdom; Yet degenerating into *Babylonian Manners* they became Vassals under the *Babylonian Monarchy* first, and were then Captivated into it; Even thus the *Christian Empire* was first *Antichristianiz'd*, and so surrendered to the *Antichristian Succession* under those Judgments of God; that were testified by the *Witnesses*, and operated thereunto.

But when *Antichrist* first entred his Succession, He was a *Youngling Beast*, that by degrees only *Learn'd* to be a *Lion* and to *Hunt the Prey*; so long the *Testimony* of the *Witnesses* pass'd Him over; but when He rose towards his *Number*, Took upon him openly, and avowedly the *Supremacy* from *Phocas*, God foreseeing the *Witnesses* were soon to *Dye*, as *Witnesses*, and their *Testimony* thereby to be silenc'd, sums

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sums up their *Testimony*, and represents it by an *Angel Flying* through the *midst* of *Heaven* charg'd with the *Three Woe Trumpets* together, the last of which comprehend the *Plagues*, which are expressly call'd the *Last Plagues*, and wherein is *Fill'd up* the *Wrath* of *God*.

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Now I Appeal to any Thoughtful Person, whether the putting these *three Woe Trumpets* together, which bring the *Beast* to his Final Ruine, and beyond which there is not any *Wrath* of *God* to give *Testimony* unto, be not a *High Elah* of Signification, that the *Testimony* of the *Witnesses* was in a kind of *Haste* sum'd up by the *Flying Angel*, and *Finish'd* as it were preparing to their being *Kill'd*; And to shew the *Wisdom* of *Providence*: The *Testimony*, that it might for ever Remain, a *Testimony*, was given, as sum'd up by a *Prophet of their own*, over rul'd to that End; *Gregory the Great*; a *Cajaphas* and *Balam* so far as *Papal*; so far as a *Good Man*, a *Witness of Christ*; immediately on which the *Beast* under the *Emblem* of a *Falling Star* is said to open the *Bottomless Pit*, and to ascend in a *Chariot* of *Smoke*, as hath been more fully elsewhere explain'd: This was about the year 606. Soon after which, viz. 622. *Mahomets* *Hegire*, or *Date of Time* began; and his *Saracens* as *Locusts* were coming out; thus far is the *Connexion* of these two *Visions*, and the *Time* of the *Testimony* *Finish'd* assur'd.

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From this *Time* the *Beast* *Ascending* every *Day* into more and more *Power* by his *Key* of the *Bottomless Pit* began his *War* concerning *Image Worship*, providentially call'd *Iconomachia*, or the *War* about *Worship of Images* at the very *Time* of his *Number* 666. viz. *Anno Dom.* 725. as is in the same *Discourse* made out, and in which by degrees He *Overcame*, and in the *second Council* of *Nice* 787. so *Famous* on that Account, He *Kill'd*; Here the *Witnesses* *Anathematiz'd* were *struck Dead*, and *Damnd* as *Hereticks*; so that from thence they lay as *Cark-osses* of *Witnesses*, that though they still *Propheesied*, *Foretold* *Plagues*, yet their *Testimony* as of *Hereticks* under *Holy Churches* stroke of *Death* had no *Life*, or *Spirit*. But these *Witnesses* could not be *buried*, because the *People*, *Kindreds*, *Tongues* and *Nations* *Furnishing* new *Successions* of *Witnesses* would not suffer it: So that as *Abel*, though *Dead*, they yet *spake* and *propheesied*, and *Foretold* the *Judgments* and *Kingdom* of *Christ*.

All this was *Ratified* with natural *Deaths*, and *Great Slaughters* as of the *Albigenses*, and *Waldenses*; And thus there being especially about the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th *Centuries*, an utter *silence* of these *Witnesses*, as to any *Power*, or *Vigor* of *Testimony*, there arose those *High Congratulations* of the *Inhabitants* of the *Earth* One with Another.

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Now this whole *State* of the *Witnesses* is briefly *comprehended* in that one word; *Antipas my Faithful Witness*, slain in the *Church* of *Pergamus*, the *Witness Church*, united with the other *Witness Church*, *Thyatira*; between which two were *Satans Throne* and *Satans Depths* or *Arcana Imperii*. This *Antipas* no *Ecclesiastical History* can give us a *Comment* upon, but these *Visions* compar'd expound Him to us, even the *Antipapal Witnesses*, as the word strictly signifies, entering into their *three Days*, and a half of being *Kill'd* and *lying Dead*.

For when the *Witnesses* are thus *slain*, the *three Days* and a half enter; the true *Nature* and *Notion* of which being first *stared*, we shall certainly find their *Beginning*, and *End*.

The *First* thing then, that is to be *Done*, is to settle the *matter* of *Faith* according to all *Historical*, and even present, *Daily*, and *Experimental* *Knowledge* of it.

We know then, that the *Antichristian Apostasie* raising it self by *Degrees*, and *Paganish Christianity* getting place in that manner, in the *Invocation* of *Saints*, and *Worship* of *Images*, there must be a *First* part of the 1260 *Days*, wherein *Remon-*
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frances against those Corruptions, and applying the Judgments on the *Empire* plainly leading to its Ruine might be Heard; there was a Time (however not to be made good by History) that we know assuredly from *Prophecy*, there were so sad Forebodes and Predictions, as the three *Last Woe Trumpets* were full of; while therefore such Testimonies were of Credit, value, and force, so long the *Witnesses* Testified, and were not slain; when they could be Heard no longer, then the *Testimony* was finished, and this was as hath been said till 787, or the second *Nicean Council*. And then the *Infallible Roman Oracles* Anathematizing all contrary *Testimony*, and prevailing to Do so, the *Witnesses* were slain; This state of Things lasted, and prevail'd more, and more from 787 till 1517, when *Luther* Rose, From his Time (which must therefore needs be the last Half Time or 180 years) the *Testimony* of the witnesses against *Anti-christian* Corruptions, hath prevail'd in all Kingdoms, where the Reformation hath been Establish'd by Law. But on the contrary where *Kingdoms* and *States* do still wholly devote themselves to the *Papacy*; The witnesses still lye, (however there may have been some Respite of Indulgence) under *Anathemas* and *Death*, Executed by the *Inquisition* or more outrageous persecutions, as opportunity serves.

Now all these varieties having plainly fallen within the 1260 Years or from 437 to this present day; there is evident Reason for the *Signalizing* some part of these 1260 days, as more Intimate, and deep Time, of the witnesses lying as dead Bodies in open sight, and view.

How fitly then may they be call'd days by way of *Epitome*, as some *Quint-essential* deeply *Signaliz'd* part of Time taken out of so many days. How fitly *Three*, and a *Half*, as some part of Time taken out of each 360 or third equal part of the 1260 days, and out of the last 180 days or *Half* part of each equal third part: Day being most Expressive of such a definite part of Time.

How much more fitly may they be divided into *Three*, and a *Half*, when the *Womans* 1260 days, who only (as hath been said) notionally differs from the *Witnesses*, are plainly distinguished into three parts, and a *Half*, called three Times, and a *Half*, when she was not onely in the *Wilderness* as in the 1260 days, but so deep, as to be Hid from the Eye of the *Serpent*; Seing then the *Witnesses*, and the *Woman* are the same; the three Days, and a *Half* must be other words, but the same thing with three Times, and a *Half*; otherwise the woman though in every thing, but notion, the same with the witnesses, must have three Times, and a *Half*, which the witnesses have not; or the witnesses though the same, except in the notion of *Single*, and *Collective*, must have three days, and a *Half*, which the woman hath not, neither of which can be Allowed.

And seeing there is a most evident Allusion to our *Lords Death, Resurrection, and Ascension*; and that his state of *Death* was measured by three days, and yet they were not three whole days, but the Evening of the *First*, the whole of the *Second*, and the Morning of the *Third* were taken for the three Days. So these three days and a *Half* Intimate deep Time, beginning at the Evening of the *First* part, or 360 of the 1260 or first Time; and lasting the whole of the following 720 of the 1260 or the two times, and then that deepness of Time changes at the very Entrance of the last 180 of the 1260, or the *Half Time*; but yet so that there is a great deal of the death of the witnesses remaining, till the end of the 180. when the full Rising of the witnesses in and to their *Ascension*, shall be; even as our *Lords Resurrection* was known onely to chosen witnesses, till his *Ascension* and sending of the *Spirit*.

Now that the Time is by *Prophecy*, as well as by *Historical*, and *Experimental* matter of *Fact* thus Limited, that the three days and half must be shorter then

Rev. 12.
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then the whole 1260 *days*, but cannot be so short, as *three years and a half* as many have suppos'd, will thus be made most Evident.

They cannot be so long as the 1260, because the *Gentile Moons* entring just with, and giving occasion to the 1260 *days* of *Sackcloth*, first have a space before the *Beasts Moons*; then the *Beasts Moons* enter, which must be, as I have else-where prov'd just at the decease of the *Christian Emperour*, when the other *Hierarchic Beast* as *Feet of Clay*, and the *ten Kings* as *Feet of Iron*, Receiv'd power with him at one Hour, viz. 475. when this was, yet the *Beast* being in an *Insan-tile state*, must wait the Negotiation of that other *Hierarchic Beast* to Raise him to his *Image*, number, and power, ere he could make war and overcome, and Kill; All this took of from the Time at large for the Killing the witnesses, that it could not be so long as 1260 *days*.

Dan. 2. 41.
Rev 13. 11.
c. 17. 12.

Nor could these *three days and a Half* be so short, as *three years, and a Half*; For the *Beasts* action being for *Forty two Moons*, that is, *Time, Times, and half a Time of Lunar Time*; And that in that Time, He had power given him to make war with the *Saints*, and to overcome them, (the very Action and in the same words express'd, that is Ascrib'd to Him in Relation to the witnesses;) He must make war, and overcome them in some part of each of those, viz. part of Time, and half Time, and the whole of two Times, which are so divided in purpose, to lead the Calendar of Time; or else he had not *Forty two Months* or not Times, and half Time, as Dan. 7. 25. and Revel. 13. 5. Assures us; So He must have a part of each to slay the witnesses in; And it must be some Time also before the Reformation; before his Kingdom was Retrench'd; Else it could not be over *Kindreds, Tongues, and People*, which expresses the most *Universal Monar-chy*: except the Reformation could be Universally Rooted out, wherever it is settled; which cannot be supposed in so short a Time.

Nor could that power, the *Image* of the *Beast* Receiv'd to speak, and to cause that they who would not worship the *Image* of the *Beast*, should be kill'd, be Restrain'd within *three years, and a half*; For it is certain, the witnesses would not so worship, during the whole Time of the *Image*, and yet, if any would not so worship, the *Image* of the *Beast* had power to cause them to be put to death, and it cannot be suppos'd, when he had power, He would not Execute it; Now if the *Beast* did this all along, after His *Image* Receiv'd such Power; To what purpose should there be *three years, and a half* of particular Time to do, what he had been doing throughout his Time: or to do that so peculiarly in a party Empire, which he had been doing in a more *Universal Empire*?

The *Mahometan Times* are indeed added, as concurrent characters of the principal Time of the *Beast*, from his Rising out of the *Bottomless-Pit* to his Fall from *Beastian Principality*; the Kingdom of *Christ* coming into its succession; and most especially from the *Beasts* to Rising to the Killing the third of men, or the Ruin of the *Eastern Empire*; Each *Roman Imperialism*, *Eastern*, and *Western*, being Parallels one to another, in Bearing the Style of the third of Men as succeeding the third of *Daniels Monarchies* and Inheriting after it as elsewhere shewn.

Rev. 9. 15.
c. 11. 14.

And from thence by the Hour still carried over the Day, Month, and Year, that *Mahometan Turkish woe* is signified to continue, as a woe, though not to kill the rest of Men, or to overthrow the *Western* as it did the *Eastern Empire*, but to continue as a Great woe on it, and to Last till the Fall of the tenth of the Great City and the Ascension of the witnesses: Even beyond the Reformation by Luther, which as near the subduing the *Eastern Empire* in Time, so is it also in *Prophetical Relation*; For there comes nothing, but the *Impenitency* of that

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Western Rest of Men Related in the end of c. 9. and the *Reformation* follows c. 10. and then by a Recollection of the whole state of the *Apostasy* and of the *Counter witness State*, the *Turkish woe* is Mentioned no more, until it Rises up after the *witnesses Rising and Ascend*: to shew, it ran all along till then, and then passes off; and so becomes a sure Character of Time, on which no mistake can fall, that while it lasts, The *witnesses* are not *Risen*, and *Ascended*.

From all, that hath been now spoken, if laid together, we have *Apocalyptical Demonstration* (I call it so, because All Truth hath its proper demonstration, and *Apocalyptical* hath its) we have, I say, *Apocalyptical Demonstration*, that the *Witnesses* finish'd their *Testimony* about 606. That from thence the *Beasts Rising*, making war, overcoming, killing, took up till 787: Then began the *View* of their dead bodies throughout the whole breadth or Extent of the *Roman Territories*; For tho' that *Council of Nice* suffer'd some dispute, yet the *worship of Images* from that Time, so Authoritatively prevail'd through all *Antichristianism* to this very day, that all opposition to its *Canons* is condemn'd as *Heretic*.

Thus this State lasted without any memorable change, except growing deeper, till 1517. And then from *Luthers rising*, while it was yet dark (as was said of our *Lords Resurrection*) in order to the *Reformation*, there pass'd about ten years; until the *Witnesses* stood so much on their Feet, that they were most providentially according to *Prophecie*, call'd *Protestants*; that is *Open, Avowed witnesses*: of all which *Christ* appearing as with a *Rainbow on his head*. Roaring as a *Lion*, *Seven Thunders* uttering their *Voices*, and the *sealed Book* open'd, (and yet a stop on all this, till the last Half day be fully Expired.) Taken with the order of Time, and of the *Apocalyptic visions* are so lively symbols, as if duly consider'd, are not to be doubted.

From all this, it appears, The *Three days* and a half parallel to our *Lords Three days in death*, reach in deep Time from 787 to 1527. Beginning ten years before the end of the first Time, and ending ten years after the beginning of the half Time, and make in the whole 740 years.

And as before the *three days* and half, there is a sufficient distinction of so much of the 1260 days, as was requisite to a Time for *Finishing the Testimony* before *Killing*; so after the *three days*, and a half, there is so much Time left of the 1260 days, as is sufficient for a partial rising of the *Witnesses*, or a vindication of them from that dead, *Spiritless* state, wherein they before lay, by virtue of the *Reformation*: that is, in those States and Kingdoms, wherein it was established by Princes, and their Laws. But yet there are such constant *Anathemas* lying upon them, enforce'd by the *Inquisition*, or sudden outrageous *Persecutions* in *Papish* Kingdoms, and States, that besides the Imperfection discernable in the *Reformation*, in which there is, alas, too much of a *Name to Live*, and yet being dead and of works not fill'd before God: It is very evident, a much more perfect, and *Complemental Rising* in order to *Ascension* is to be most earnestly expected, and prayed for: that so the *Rising* and *Ascension* being both universal, and perfect, the *Witnesses* may appear with the *Lamb* on *Mount Zion*, not under a *Seal* on their *Foreheads*, as in a *Hidden State*, but with the *Fathers Name* written in *Glorious Characters* there, and as in a splendid state.

For as the *Witnesses* were seen, even the whole 144000 together, as an opposite party to the *Beast* before the 1260 days: Even so when the 1260 days are ended, the whole 144000 together shall appear with the *Lamb*, *Ascended on Mount Zion*, as a Party Counter to the *Beast*: but with this great Change, They shall be in *Triumph* as before said, having the *Fathers name* written in *Glory* on their *Foreheads*: But the *Beasts Tyranny* shall be then at a full end.

And even, as after the *Ascend* of the *witnesses*, It is said: In the same Hour the *Tenth* of the *Great City* Fall, even that *Great City*, or *Apstate Church*, that sits upon the *Beast* Arm'd with his ten *Kings*: So soon after the 144000 appear'd *Ascended* with the *Lamb* on *Mount Zion*. It is proclaim'd, *Babylon is Fallen, is Fallen*

len, That Great City. And if any man worship the Beast, and his Image, &c. Now these things could not in this Triumphant manner be promulgated with so loud a voice in any Consistency with a Kingdom so Great, as over all Kindreds, Tongues, and Nations: and all the World wondering after the Beast, and worshipping him, whose Names were not written in the book of Life: But now by this Voice prevailing, even as by the Earthquake, there shall certainly be a Great Conversion, and giving Glory to God.

But these things, I Affirm in the word of the Lord, cannot be, till these 1260 days end, and they cannot end till 1697.

If then there should be so very great, and Illustrious a change, as those worthy and learned persons, Ms. Jurieu, and Dr. Cressener have Confided: that the very Throne and Laws of France should at the furthest in 1690. Submit to the Reformation. Yet I am hold in the same word of the Lord to Affirm, that such a change would be no more, then a great motion towards, and pledg of the witnesses rising and Ascending, and such as may be very well expected, whenever God pleases, to such an end.

Even as we have seen in this Nation a very Great Revolution, wherein hath appear'd a Hand as out of the Clouds, that shall never be drawn back, till it hath perform'd all, that God hath spoken: But how low are the Effects yet!

But so long, as any witnesses of Christ, are by reason of Popish Princes and Powers, necessitated either to have Those, that hold the Doctrine of Balam or Popish Supremacy: Or to suffer Jezebel, that Apostate City, or Church: yea till the Retainers to the Synagogue of Satan, even amongst the Reform'd seemingly, but not truly such, who would shut the Door of the worship and ministration of Philadelphia witnesses, worship them in Allusion to the Disciples worshipping our Ascending Lord; * yea while all the Reformation is cover'd with the Brand, and Anathema of Heresie and not vindicated as from Heaven; The witnesses may be known, not yet to have Ascended, nor the 1260 days to have Expir'd; For the marks of their Ascension shall be Illustrious: For then shall be that Glorious Apperance on Mount Zion, Then shall the seven sealed Thunders be unsealed, and their utterances run along, Daniels 30 years, viz. the 1260 made 1290, according to the sevenfold order, given. Revel. 14.

Next shall the seven vials be pour'd out, which can no more be wrenched from the seventh Trumpet, where the holy Spirit of Prophecie hath fix'd them, then the Stars be forc'd from their Orbs; and which, what kind of Judgments they will be, and how Executed, we cannot yet understand; but we know, they shall be pour'd out speedily, and within Daniel's last 45 years, making the 1290 1335.

Blessed then are they, who wait and come to these 1335 days; For then shall be the Blessed End, and Lots of the New Jerusalem, wherein that perfectly Triumphant, Innumerable Company of all Nations, People, and Languages (among which the sealed sufferers for Christ under the Beast, are the principal according to Revel. 20. 4. and therefore they are so conjoyn'd, c. 7. 9.) shall be Led to the Fountains of living water, or the River of the water of Life in the first Resurrection.

For they are come as Israel out of Egypt, out of that great Trouble, Tribulation, Earthquake, and Hail, such, as was not, from the Foundation of the World, or since Men have been upon the Face of the Earth, or since there hath been a Nation, nor can there be any more such; and therefore, it is worthily call'd ἡ θλίψις ἡ μεγάλη The Tribulation Le Grand, or the Great: and ὁ πειρασμός, the Temptation, that shall come on all the Earth to try them, with a Final Tryal of Fire.

And it shall fall on all the Enemies of Christ, and of his Kingdom; but Transcendently on the Beast, and on the false Prophet, and the Apostate City, call'd the Whore.

And lastly, then shall be fix'd those two Monumental pillars, Engraven with Capital Letters, and in an universal Character, and Language.

IT IS DONE. Revel. 16. 17.

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THE END.

Dan. 12. 1.
Mar. 13. 19.
Rev. 3. 10.
c. 16. 18.

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